

AGENDA

State Advisory Panel on Special Education Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2009

OSSE – 3rd Floor Conference Room

51 N Street, NE, Washington, DC

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- I. Introductions**
- II. Announcements from SAP members for upcoming events, activities, and actions pertinent to SAP interests**
 - a. Transition Stakeholder Forum Planning Committee – Karen Wills-Henry
 - b. City Lights Charter School closing – Julie Camerata
 - c. Update on Developmental Disabilities Reform Act
- III. Approval of past meeting minutes (December & January)**
- IV. Report from Tami Lewis, *Acting Assistant State Superintendent of Special Education***
 - a. OSSE new Policy on Inclusion - Update
 - b. Read Aloud Accommodations policy re: DCCAS – Update
 - c. Status Hearings: Blackman Jones Case; Petties Case
 - d. Update on state of Care Center
- V. Guest Speaker:** Vincent (Vinny) Schiraldi, Administrator, Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services (DYRS) , topic: status of special education services to incarcerated youth
- VI. Legislative Update**
 - a. January 16th Council hearing to “assess DCPS’ ability to recruit, support, and retain high-quality principals, teachers, and central office staff.” - Update
- VII. SAP motions/discussions - Followup:**
 - a. SAP recommendation on 504 (Margaret, Clifford, Senora and Julie)
 - b. DC-CAS Read Aloud Accommodations: “The SAP does not support the process OSSE is taking on the DC-CAS Read Aloud Accommodations resolution with the federal Department of Education” and further, “The SAP desires to hold an open policy hearing/discussion to examine this issue.” At the February meeting the SAP will include on the agenda a focus on: 1) what is the strategy on this issue, 2) what/who do we communicate to on this issue, and 3) plans and logistics to hold the hearing.
 - c. Report from OSSE – Change in Placement Unit Activity Report (see handout from Amy Maisterra)

VIII. Discussion on SAP Monthly Meeting Themes and suggested guest speakers

- a. March – Leila Peterson, SchoolTalk, topic: alternative dispute resolution programs for IEP sessions
- b. Other possible topics:
 - i. Transportation: Guest speaker: David Gilmore, Transportation Administrator, regarding his vision, plans, etc.
 - ii. Full service schools and SAMS models: Guest speaker(s): Principal or teachers at current SAMS model schools
 - iii. Presentation on funding formula process and the new “Florida Cost Matrix Model”
 - iv. DDS-RSA administrator – Roy Albert
 - v. OSSE: Chandra Williams, office of training;

IX. SAP Annual Report – working plan discussion

X. New Business

- a. Transition issues
- b. SAP Newsletter
- c. Visibility of SAP
- d. Call to DC leaders to attend SAP meetings

XI. Schedule of remaining SAP meeting in 2008-2009 school year, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Thursday, June 18, 2009